



HORNETS BUZZ

The Official Heathmont Hornets Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THE WINTER 2009 SEASON

Winter '09 season will commence shortly and it sees Heathmont Hornets enter 58 teams in the GEBC competition. It is pleasing to see that we have entered 4 Boys teams and 3 Girls teams in the U/23 divisions and that so many of our "older" players are continuing to enjoy basketball and not retire!

Congratulations to all players, coaches, officials, parents and supporters on an exciting and rewarding Summer 08/09 season.

We were well represented in the finals and we are pleased to report that 41 teams made the Elimination finals with 18 teams making their way through to the Grand Finals. In some very close matches, 10 teams managed to outstay their opponents and win the premiership.

Our annual Presentation Day was well supported and a highlight was the awarding of the inaugural 'George Sorotos Coaching Award'. As you would be aware, George was a highly respected and admired young coach and friend to Heathmont Hornets, who passed away in January after a short illness. We were delighted to accept his family's offer for a trophy to be presented in his honour to a young coach.

It was wonderful to see so many players receiving their 10, 15, 20 or 25 season plaques. This proves that we are achieving our goal for delivering a sporting program that caters for all.

Our first social event for the year will be a Trivia Night to be held on Saturday 20th June. With a great MC, fantastic prizes and games, it promises to be a night not to be missed. Please support our one and only fund raising event for the year by joining with friends to make up a table of 6 to 8 people.

To all our volunteers and players: it is not possible to be a successful club without your effort and enthusiasm. So to all coaches, team managers, scorers, assistants, players, parents, supporters and Committee members, thank you in advance for our 32nd season.

Go Hornets!

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Under 12 Boys Bob Laidlaw 8802 0445

Under 14 Boys Lisa Shield 9726 5767

Under 16 Boys Sue Classon 9729 5782

Under 18 Boys Rose Shield 9733 2556

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GREATER EASTER BASKETBALL CONFERENCE (GEBC)

The GEBC is the combination of both MEBA (Melbourne East Basketball Association) and RBA (Ringwood Basketball Association). It is one of the largest domestic basketball competitions in Melbourne.

WINTER 2009 DATES (16 rounds)

April	25	(no match)			
May	2	9	16	23	30
June	-	13	20	27	
July	-	11	18	25	
August	1	8	15	22	29
September	5 ^h	Elimination Finals			
September	12 ^h	Grand Finals			

HEATHMONT HORNETS BASKETBALL CLUB LIFE MEMBERS

Gary Bower
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George Sorotos

MCDONALD'S ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS



Thank you to McDonald's for supplying Hornets junior players with weekly encouragement awards. Your continued encouragement for junior sport is greatly appreciated and valued by all our members.

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VENUES

Ringwood (Maroondah) Stadium (9298 4487)
362 Canterbury Road, Ringwood (Melways 63 E1)

Nunawading Basketball Stadium (9802 6711)
Burwood Hwy East Burwood (Melways 62 C7)

Oakleigh Recreational Centre (9568 1922)
Park Rd Oakleigh (Melways 69 H6)

Forest Hills Secondary College
Mahoneys Rd East Burwood (Melways 62 C5)

Mullauna Secondary College
Tirana St., Mitcham, (Melways 48 J6)

Vermont Primary School
Nurlendi Rd., Vermont, (Melways 62 K3)

Brentwood Sec. College
Heath St., GLEN WAVERLEY (Melways 71 D7)

Donvale Christian College
Tindals Rd., Donvale (Melways 34 K9)

Associated Websites

Heathmont Hornets	www.heathmonthornets.net
MEBA Inc.	www.mebainc.net
Ringwood Hawks	www.ringwood.basketball.net.au
Basketball Victoria	www.basketballvictoria.com.au
Big V Basketball	www.bigv.com.au
VBRA	www.vbra.basketball.net.au
VBSA	www.vicscoretable.org.au

GEBC ADMISSION PRICES

Admission:	\$ 2 (all venues)
Score Sheets:	\$28 (all venues)
Under12 spectators:	Free

An inter-venue pass operates between all venues. Please ask for a GEBC stamp at the stadium where you first pay.

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PRESENTATION DAY

Our annual Presentation Day was held on Sunday, 22nd March at the Aqua Link Centre in Nunawading.

Approximately 300 attended and although the day threatened to be cold, the weather held and our presentations continued in lovely sunshine. Players enjoyed the pool and inflatables and the BBQ was well supported by players and parents alike.

A highlight of the day was the awarding of the inaugural "George Sorotos" trophy to Rebecca Russell. John Sorotos introduced the award and his inspiring words are printed in the next column.

Heathmont Hornets acknowledges players who have consistently supported our club over many seasons and this season was no exception with an amazing 28 players receiving their 10 season award and 6 players receiving a 25 season award.

GEORGE SOROTOS COACHING AWARD

Rebecca Russell

COACHING AWARDS

Tim Langley Brenton Charles Sam Fraser

25 SEASON AWARDS

Nathan Hammer	Natalie Zuccon
Aaron Hammer	Ryan Djurovich
David Clements	Lachlan Whittle

20 SEASON AWARDS

Kathleen Bourke	Joshua Megens
Kyle Johnston	Marcus Williams
Trant Beacom	Michael Sheath
Ben Boyd	

15 SEASON AWARDS

Shaun Murphy	Christopher Roberts
Kate Churchill	Maxwell Sutton
Daniel Jordanov	Thomas McIntyre

10 SEASON AWARDS

Anne Shambrook	Sandrini Mampitiya
Bridgette Shambrook	Hayley Benedict
Dean Walsh	Kaylen Lanbrecht
Chelsea Osbourne	Jordan Stretton
Chantal Classon	Bradley Dick
Thomas Van den Horik	Benjamin Russell
Joshua Ridge	Maddi Krelle
Ruby Parsons	Nick Watters
Campbell Mayne	Timothy Waack
Mitchell Charles	James Dunlop
Jake Nye	Nicole Willis
Shane Bryden	Maddy Wright
Mitchell Cole	Ruby Molnar
Jaana Raadik	Todd Livingstone

GEORGE SOROTOS COACHING AWARD

(a transcript of the presentation as read by John Sorotos)

Some 16 years ago my son looked at the various clubs in the district and what each club had to offer to young kids starting off in basketball.

George started following me to basketball the age of 5. He had developed his skills and interest in the game and by the time he was 8 we had to enrol him into a club. We chose Hornets because of what my wife and I saw in the Club.

Heathmont Hornets had a philosophy of the following conducts:

1. As coaches we have to teach kids first and foremost to be a good sportsperson.
2. All kids have to have fun in playing this great game of basketball and interact socially with others.
3. The competitiveness of every individual is by nature with us all and as coaches we have to explore this at times.

George by his nature had all of those qualities and he tried to instil this in all of his players.

On behalf of my wife Helen, my daughter Mary-Ann and daughter-in-law Carolyn, we would like to thank the Heathmont Hornets for honouring our son's memory and we present this trophy to Rebecca Russell (obviously a special person herself).

UNIFORM PICKUP

Uniforms will be available for pickup from Maroondah Stadium from 4:30 to 6:30pm on Thu 23rd and Tue 28th April.

Contact Karen Murphy on 9801 9426

COACHES MEETING

Sunday, 27th April, 2009

Maroondah Indoor Sports Stadium

7:00 pm

Please can all coaches pick up their team lists, team manager's pack and equipment. For new coaches there will be a brief introduction. Coaching Manuals and Polo tops will also be distributed to all new coaches.

SUMMER 08/09 FINAL SERIES

Over the two Saturdays in March, the GEBC final series was run. In some very close divisions, 41Hornets teams made the Elimination Rounds with 18 progressing to the Grand Finals. Congratulations to all teams on your sportsmanship and competitive spirit. As can be seen from the results, many close matches happened on the day and in a lot of cases, our teams were just "pipped at the post".

GRAND FINALS: 28th MARCH 09

X10A1	HH1	39	d	SM1	36
X10C2	HH4	27	l	NK3	32
X10C1	HH6	14	l	WR2	20
B12C2	HH4	51	d	WR3	29
G12A	HH1	46	d	WV1	41
G12C	HH2	42	d	WR1	8
B12C1	HH6	40	d	SM5	39
G14B	HH3	31	d	WR1	25
G16B	HH1	31	d	VT1	39
B16C3	HH8	41	l	AS5	45
B16B1	HH2	39	l	WV1	55
B16B2	HH3	39	l	EB1	58
B16A	HH1	63	d	NK1	60
B18D	HH6	44	d	WR3	43
B18A	HH1	47	l	WP1	57
GSnrA	HH1	27	l	EA1	28
BSnrB1	HH2	49	d	AS2	29
BSnrB2	HH3	44	l	SW2	59

ELIMINATION FINALS: 21st MARCH 09

X10B1	HH2	32	l	WV1	45
X10B2	HH4	17	d	EB1	12
X10C1	HH5	10	l	WR2	19
X10C1	HH6	28	d	VT1	27
X10C3	HH7	19	l	BY2	26
X10D2	HH8	10	d	NK6	23
B12B1	HH3	18	d	SM2	35
B12B2	HH2	50	l	EB1	60

B12C1	HH6	31	d	CT1	30
B12C1	HH5	28	l	SM5	33
B12C2	HH4	35	d	RA1	30
B12C3	HH7	33	d	EA3	34
B12D1	HH9	12	l	EB2	31
B12D3	HHX	16	l	AS1	27
B14B3	HH3	37	l	DD1	52
B14C1	HH4	43	l	WP3	66
B14C3	HH5	17	l	WP4	38
B14D1	HH7	14	l	WC2	20
B14D3	HH8	10	l	SW2	21
B16A	HH1	75	d	CT1	48
B16B1	HH2	75	d	WR3	44
B16B2	HH3	52	d	DD1	32
B16C1	HH5	29	l	AS3	38
B16C3	HH7	28	l	AS5	32
B16C3	HH8	44	d	WP4	39
B18A	HH1	69	d	AS1	54
B18B	HH2	36	l	EB1	43
B18D	HH6	46	d	SW2	38
BSnrB1	HH2	49	d	WV1	19
BSnrB1	HH1	32	l	AS2	33
BSnrB2	HH3	46	d	WC1	37
G10A	HH1	6	l	AS1	13
G12A	HH1	29	d	VT1	26
G12C	HH2	52	d	AS2	9
G14A	HH1	15	l	WV1	20
G14B	HH3	41	d	HH2	14
GSnrA	HH1	51	d	WP1	29



TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, 20th June, 2009

Great Ryrie St Primary School,
Great Ryrie St, Ringwood

7.30 pm for 8.00 pm start

\$ 15 per person



To book a table, please contact:
Lisa Shield (9726 5767) or Judy Hammer (9720 1373)